Commission/Ministry of Finance.

Derailments in various Railway Zones

*60. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of derailments have taken place during the last two months in different Railway Zones of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of such derailments; number of people died/ injured, trains cancelled/diverted, loss incurred by Railways by each of these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The details of derailments during the last two months, that is, during September and October 1996 are as under:—

Passenger train derailments	— 12
Goods train derailments	— 32
Total:	44

Last year, there were 52 cases of derailments (17 passenger trains and 35 goods trains) during the same period.

As a result of these accidents, 5 persons, including 3 railway passengers, were killed and 42 sustained injuries. 107 trains were cancelled and 173 diverted due to these accidents.

The cost of damage to railway property amounted to Rs. 5.01 crores (approximately).

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Review of NLM and TLC

192. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any mid-term review of the working of the National Literacy Mission (NLM) and Total Literacy Campaign (TLC); and

(b) if so, the State and Union territory-wise progress and details thereof as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The Department of Education constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. Arun Ghosh for making Status-cum-Impact evaluation of the Total Literacy Campaigns.

(b) The State and Union Territory-wise progress of Total Literacy Campaigns is given in the Statement.

Statement

Review of NLM & TLC

State/UT	Total No. of Dis-tricts	Dists. Co-vered under TLC (Fully Partly)	Dist. Co-vered under PLC
Andhra Pradesh	23	23	22
Arunachal Pradesh	13	—	—
Assam	23	20	7
Bihar	55	30	5
Goa	2	2	—
Gujarat	19	19	15
Haryana	17	15	2
Himachal Pradesh	12	12	9
Jammu & Kashmir	14	5	—
Karnataka	20	20	13
Kerala	14	14	14
Madhya Pradesh	45	45	10
Maharashtra	31	26	11
Manipur	8	1	—
Meghalaya	7	3	—
Mizoram	3	—	—
Nagaland	7	—	—
Orissa	31	19	10
Punjab	17	11	2
Rajasthan	31	29	7

State/UT	Total No. of Dis-tricts	Dists. Co-vered under TLC (Funy Partly)	Dist. Co-vered unde PLC
Sikkim	4	—	—
Tamil Nadu	29	23	17
Tripura	4	3	—
Uttar Pradesh	68	65	8
West Bengal	18	17	12
A & N Islands	2	—	—
Chandigarh	1	1	1
Dadra & N. Haveli	1	1	—
Daman & Diu	2	1	—
Delhi	1	1	—
Lakshadweep	1	—	—
Pondicherry	4	4	4
TOTAL	527	410	169

Distance Education through Satellite TV Channels

193. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group of the Department of Education has recommended any positive measures for the expansion of Distance Education through satellite TV channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is a timeframe to formulate the recommendations; and

(d) whether his Ministry is considering a join working group of the Department of Education and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to draw up feasible plans and the methodology of their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) A working group was set up in the Department of Education to recommend measures for rapid expansion of open learning/distance education. The working group in its first meeting set up a subgroup to look into various aspects and formalise the requirements for educational channel. The sup-group has made certain recommendations regarding the preferred medalities of transmission, costs involved in preparing programmes and the subject concentration. Based on these recommendation, discussions have been held with the Ministry of I & B, with a view to starting the educational broadcast through the Doordarshan network, at the earliest.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Flood in Andhra Pradesh

194. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the damages caused by the recent rains, cyclone and floods in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the financial assistance extended by the Central Government for relief and rehabilitation work?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISKRA): (a) According to preliminary information received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the cyclone, heavy rains and floods during the first week of November, 1996, affected four districts in the State claiming 971 human lives, damaging about 6.48 lakh houses and crops over an area of 5.11 lakh hectares.

(b) Andhra Pradesh has a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Rs. 124.19 crores during 1996-97 for relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities. Government of India have already released its entire share of Rs. 93.14 crores. This includes the advance release of the fourth instalment of Central share of CRF of Rs. 23.285 crores. Pending detailed assessment of